



CITY COUNCIL  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

AN ORDINANCE

BY COUNCILMEMBER CATHY WOOLARD

00-O-2074

AN ORDINANCE BY COUNCILMEMBER CATHY WOOLARD, TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA ADOPTED UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE MUNICIPAL HOME RULE ACT OF 1965 (GA. LAWS 1965, P. 298, ET. SEQ.), AS AMENDED, TO AMEND SUBPART A OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA (GA. LAWS 1996, P. 4469, ET. SEQ.) APPROVED APRIL 15, 1996, AS AMENDED SO AS TO DELETE THE WORDS "RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, MARITAL STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR GENDER IDENTITY;" AND TO INSERT THE FOLLOWING WORDS IN LIEU THEREOF: "RACE, COLOR, CREED, RELIGION, SEX, DOMESTIC RELATIONSHIP STATUS, PARENTAL STATUS, FAMILIAL STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, GENDER IDENTITY OR **RACIAL PROFILING;**" TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR, OTHER PURPOSES.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

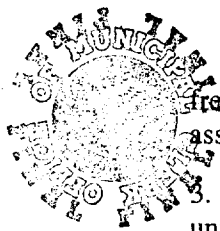
SECTION 1: SUBPART A (ENTITLED "BILL OF RIGHTS") OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA GEORGIA (GA. LAWS 1996, P. 4469, ET. SEQ.) APPROVED APRIL 15, 1996, AS AMENDED, IS HEREBY AMENDED SO AS TO DELETE THE WORDS "RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, MARITAL STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR GENDER IDENTITY;" AND TO INSERT THE FOLLOWING WORDS IN LIEU THEREOF: "RACE, COLOR, CREED, RELIGION, SEX, DOMESTIC RELATIONSHIP STATUS, PARENTAL STATUS, FAMILIAL STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, GENDER IDENTITY OR **RACIAL PROFILING;**" AS FOLLOWS:

**BILL OF RIGHTS**

The council, mayor and all departments of government of the City of Atlanta shall be guided by the provisions of this Bill of Rights:

1. Religion and Conscience. The City of Atlanta shall not interfere with the freedom of each person in the city to follow the dictates of his or her own conscience concerning religious worship, nor shall the city support any religion.

2. Speech, Assembly and Press. The City of Atlanta shall not interfere with the rights of



freedom of speech, of freedom of the press, to petition the government, or of peaceable assembly.

3. Unreasonable Searches and Seizures. The City of Atlanta shall not authorize any unreasonable search or seizure.

4. Nondiscrimination. The City of Atlanta shall not, directly or indirectly, discriminate among persons because of race, color, creed, religion, sex, domestic relationship status, parental status, familial status, sexual orientation, national origin, political affiliation, gender identity, or **racial profiling**. Nothing herein shall prevent the City of Atlanta from remedying present discrimination or the present effects of past discrimination by a race-conscious affirmative action program which is in compliance with the Constitution and laws of the United States of America and the State of Georgia.

5. Environmental Protection. The City of Atlanta shall promote the right of the people to clean air, pure water, freedom from excessive and unnecessary noise, and the natural, scenic, historic and aesthetic qualities of the environment.  
(1996 Ga. L. (Act No. 1019), p. 4469)

SECTION 2: A copy of this proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of Atlanta, (Ga. Laws 1996, p. 4469, et. seq.), as approved April 15, 1996, as amended shall be filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk and in the offices of the Clerks of the Superior Courts of Fulton and DeKalb Counties and the "Notice of Proposed Amendment to the Charter of the City of Atlanta" attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and by reference, made a part hereof, be published once a week for three weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Atlanta and in the official organs of Fulton County and DeKalb County, and a copy of said advertisement shall be attached to this ordinance prior to its final adoption by the Council of the City of Atlanta.

SECTION 3: All ordinances and charter provisions or parts of ordinances and charter provisions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

A true copy,

*Rhonda Dauphin Johnson*  
Municipal Clerk, CMC

ADOPTED as amended by the Council  
APPROVED by the Mayor

FEB 05, 2001  
FEB 13, 2001

OMC - Amendment Incorporated by tcp 2/15/01



## NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA

NOTICE is hereby given that an Ordinance has been introduced to amend the Charter of the City of Atlanta (Ga. Laws, 1996, p. 4469, et. seq.) approved April 15, 1996, as amended, said Ordinance being captioned as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE BY COUNCILMEMBER CATHY WOOLARD, TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA ADOPTED UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE MUNICIPAL HOME RULE ACT OF 1965 (GA. LAWS 1965, P. 298, ET. SEQ.), AS AMENDED, TO AMEND SUBPART A OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA (GA. LAWS 1996, P. 4469, ET. SEQ.) APPROVED APRIL 15, 1996, AS AMENDED SO AS TO DELETE THE WORDS "RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, MARITAL STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR GENDER IDENTITY;" AND TO INSERT THE FOLLOWING WORDS IN LIEU THEREOF: "RACE, COLOR, CREED, RELIGION, SEX, DOMESTIC RELATIONSHIP STATUS, PARENTAL STATUS, FAMILIAL STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, GENDER IDENTITY OR RACIAL PROFILING;" TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOB. OTHER PURPOSES.**

A copy of the proposed Ordinance and Charter Amendment is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk of the City of Atlanta and in the Offices of the clerks of the Superior Courts of Fulton and DeKalb Counties, Georgia; for the purpose of examination and inspection by the public.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2000.

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Municipal Clerk

"Exhibit A"



RCS# 2597  
2/05/01  
5:02 PM

# Atlanta City Council

## Regular Session

00-O-2074

Amend Subpart of A of Charter regarding  
non-discrimination and equal opportunity  
FINAL/ADOPT/AME

YEAS: 13  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
NOT VOTING: 2  
EXCUSED: 0  
ABSENT 1

Y McCarty	B Dorsey	Y Moore	Y Thomas
Y Starnes	Y Woolard	Y Martin	Y Emmons
Y Bond	Y Morris	Y Maddox	NV Alexander
Y Winslow	Y Muller	Y Boazman	NV Pitts

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REFERRED BY JAN 02 2001  
CITY COUNCIL  
**AS AMENDED**

- ☐ CONSENT REFER
- ☐ REGULAR REPORT REFERRED *Refer Back*
- ☐ ADVERTISE & REFER *to Finance/Exec*
- ☐ 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
- ☒ PERSONAL PAPER REFER

REFERRED BY JAN 16 2001  
CITY COUNCIL 12/14/00

Referred To: Finance/Executive

Date Referred 01/02/01

Referred To: Finance/Executive

Date Referred 1/16/00

Referred To: Finance/Executive

## First Reading

Committee \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred to \_\_\_\_\_

Committee *Fin/Exec*  
Date *12-13-00*  
Chair *AN*

Action: *AS recommended*  
Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)  
Other: *2nd Read Refer*  
Members *W. L. L. L.*  
*W. L. L. L.*  
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ADOPTED BY  
FEB 05 2001 To

Committee \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
Action: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Members \_\_\_\_\_  
Refer To \_\_\_\_\_

## FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

☒ 2nd ☐ 1st & 2nd ☒ 3rd  
Readings  
☐ Consent ☐ V Vote ☒ ARC Vote

CERTIFIED

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1st Adoption  
JAN 16 2001  
2nd Adoption FEB 05, 2001  
ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
*W. L. L. L.*

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## MAYOR'S ACTION

FEB 1 2001

*Kim C. L. L.*